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This report is not independent. The reviewing system drafted the manuscript under review, in dialogue with the author: the sections, the verification scripts and the argument of the reading section are its own output. A review by the drafter is a re-reading, not a second opinion. It is offered because a re-reading against the finished text catches a different class of error than drafting does, and because one of the findings below is a positive one the manuscript missed, a result it establishes and does not claim. That class, too, is easier to see afterwards. This report does not discharge external review, and findings C2 and C3 in particular require a chemist who has not been party to the construction. There is no author-reply section.

Scope of Review

Every numbered statement was re-read against its cited block. Three independent checks were run: the identity of the junction's two slots against the corpus's complementarity count (R1); a classification of the verification blocks by whether they compute (R2); and a completeness check on the block index (R3). Severities: [MAJOR] a statement is wrong, unsupported, or missing and must change; [MINOR] defensible but overstated or imprecise; [NOTE] no change required.

Compiled disposition

Major revision. The object, the parity theorem, the reaction and the balance are sound, and the paper is stronger than it presents itself as being. The junction supplies the independent ground Article 57 asks for, and the manuscript nowhere says so. Termination is read off the code rather than off the chemistry. The complementarity of the two outer bases is used and never granted. The verification index marks four tabulated blocks as computed, and omits the block behind the choice of the flipped reading.

Required before print

Blocking. Claim the complementary-slot identity and mark Article 57's target discharged, conditionally on this paper's premises, and repeat the non-implication that the identity does not reach the observed mapping. Supply the chemistry behind termination, or restate the theorem as a correspondence, and recast it in terms of release rather than consistency. State or establish the complementarity of the two outer bases. Re-mark the verification index: four blocks are tabulated, not one, and block J2 is missing. Declare the stacking separation as a resting value, and state that the electron transfer is now intermolecular.

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1 The finding the manuscript missed

P1 — [MAJOR, positive] The junction supplies the independent ground Article 57 asks for, and the paper nowhere says so

Article 57 places its two sulfur-bearing structures at complementary slots under a hypothesis, that one delivery serving two structures is preferred to two that must coincide, states that hypothesis is the only unsupported premise carrying a headline result, and asks in its targets for an independent ground for it. This manuscript supplies one, and does not notice.

The two codons the junction delivers are UAU/UAC and AUA/AUG: precisely the UA pyrimidine half and the AU purine half, which are position-wise complementary, and which Article 57's own count finds to be the unique complementary pair of seeded slots with both slots of size two, one of three complementary pairs and the only one of that size. So the junction does not merely place two residues. It places them at the exact pair Article 57 derives as forced, and it does so by a mechanism: the two strands of a junction are related by face inversion, face inversion is position-wise complementation, therefore the two codons of a junction are complementary of necessity; and one disulfide serves both because the two sites are one bond apart. Article 57's hypothesis about paired delivery is a consequence here, not an assumption.

Required. State it. This is the strongest result in the manuscript and the strongest claim the programme has on the corpus's open targets. At minimum it belongs in the introduction's list, in the reading section as a corollary, and in the section placing the paper beside its companion. The relevant target of Article 57 should be marked discharged, conditionally on this paper's premises.

One caution to state with it. The identity holds in the assignment structural consistency selects, which is where Article 57's own theorem lives, so the ground is as conditional as that theorem is. It does not reach the observed mapping, and the manuscript's existing non-implication on that point must be repeated here rather than allowed to lapse.

2 Mathematics and logic

M1 — [MAJOR] Termination is read off the code, not off the chemistry, which inverts the paper's own method

The manuscript's method, stated twice and defended as its order of reasoning, is that the reaction is primitive and the reading is taken off it. The termination theorem breaks that order. Its table asserts that a purine at the outer incoming position gives no residue and the reading terminates, and its proof cites the four values of that position against the assignment the corpus selects. That is reading off the code. Nothing in the reaction sections says that the outer base bears on whether the reaction runs. The stages are silent on it, the valence argument is silent on it, and the balance is silent on it.

As it stands the theorem establishes a correspondence, the purine cases of the incoming codon are the codons the selected assignment leaves unfilled, and calls it a mechanism. Required: either supply the chemical claim in the reaction sections, with a ground, and derive the correspondence from it; or restate the theorem as a correspondence and remove the language of failure. The first is

preferable and the outline the manuscript was built from contained the material for it: engagement at the base point without liberation.

M2 — [MAJOR] The outer position is given a gating role the corpus assigns to the second

The manuscript derives the weakness of the outer positions from the corpus's clause that the third position carries no information of its own and acts only through its width relation to the second. It then has that same position decide whether a residue forms at all. The corpus assigns that to the second position: the second register determines whether any structure is consistent with a codon. And the second register is identical across all four codons at issue here, so the corpus's apparatus cannot distinguish them by consistency.

The corpus resolves this for itself, and the resolution is available. It distinguishes two failure modes, one in which no structure is consistent and one in which a structure is consistent and is not released, and it finds the two codons this manuscript terminates at to be exactly those at which both observed mappings fail to release. The manuscript's claim is therefore about release, not about consistency, and must say so. Required: restate the termination theorem in terms of release, cite the corpus's failure-mode proposition, and amend the wobble proposition so that it does not appear to give the third position a gating power the corpus withholds from it.

M3 — [MAJOR] An unstated premise: the two outer bases are complementary

The theorem relating the two codons by face inversion holds exactly when the outgoing outer base is the complement of the incoming one. That condition is stated and never granted. The two bases sit at opposite ends of the cell, on different strands, with no pairing between them and six units apart. Nothing in the manuscript makes them complementary. The discriminating-case argument, which is how the frame operation is established, requires it. Without it, the two codons are not frame-related at most values, and the theorem's scope is a set of hexamers the manuscript has not characterised.

Required: either state the complementarity as a premise, with a falsifier and a place in the register; or establish it; or restate the frame theorem as conditional on it and say what happens when it fails. Finding P1 depends on this too. The slot identity holds for the complementary cases.

M4 — [MINOR] Why six vessels, and not three?

The cell is defined as six vessels, three from each strand, and the evenness of the count carries the paper's structural theorem. But a cell of three vessels spanning the junction, two from one strand and one from the other, has an odd count, a central vessel, and would fall inside the corpus's localisation rule. The manuscript discarded that option during development, on the ground that it cannot carry a start or a stop. That ground is sound and is not in the paper. Required: a short proposition excluding the odd-count spanning cell, or a definition that makes the six-vessel choice a premise with a falsifier.

M5 — [MINOR] “The two remnant termini” is imprecise

The balance parameterises two termini, one per unit, and fixes the others. But the fragmentation leaves four carbons gaining hydrogen on the second unit alone, two on each of its two remnant pieces. The parameterised pair are the two oxygen-bearing termini. The others are fixed at the hydrocarbon level by an assumption the manuscript does not state. Required: say which termini are parameterised and why, and state the fixed choices as assumptions. The result is unaffected. Its statement is not exact as written.

3 Concordance

C1 — [MINOR] The tension with persistence is not addressed

The corpus holds that stack, registry and product persist together, and argues from that coexistence that nothing can precede anything. A junction that is consumed in the reaction it carries sits against that, and the manuscript does not say so anywhere. It appears only as a target about maintaining a frame. The material for a resolution exists and was in the outline: a frame boundary is where the regularity of the stack fails, a punctuation mark is a physical discontinuity, and the setting of a frame is a single event by nature. It should be in the text, at the point where the cell is shown to consume itself.

C2 — [MAJOR] The stacking separation is a datum of the resting stack and is used for the bridged state

The bridge geometry is stated against a π -stacking separation of 3.40 Å. That is the separation of two units stacked and unbonded. Once a disulfide joins them the two units are covalently linked and the separation is no longer a stacking datum but an output of the bonded geometry. The argument uses the resting value to conclude that the bonded state is reachable. That is not circular, but it is an approximation the manuscript does not declare, and the declared scope forbids computing the relaxed geometry that would settle it. Required: state that the separation is the resting value and that the bridged state is not computed, and add a target.

C3 — [MAJOR] The two electrons must now cross between molecules

The reduction of the disulfide consumes two electrons, and the balance shows the carbon frame can supply them. The manuscript records, correctly, that a global balance is not a mechanism. What it does not record is that the junction makes the mechanism harder than in the companion. There, the electrons came from carbons of the same molecule as the sulfur. Here they must come from carbons of two different molecules, joined only by the bond being reduced. This is not an objection to the balance, which is arithmetic. It is an objection to the silence. A reader comparing the two papers will notice that the harder case is presented with the same confidence as the easier one.

The re-scoping of the companion is correctly bounded. Appendix C separates five statements

conditional on the single-unit premise from three that are not, and says it states where the companion’s results apply rather than that they fail. This is the right handling and should not be softened.

4 Meta

X1 — [MAJOR] The paper’s own honesty apparatus is misapplied

The manuscript introduces a computed/tabulated distinction, explains that it was introduced because a tabulated block carried an error that no computation could contradict, and marks every block accordingly. It then marks them wrongly. Appendix B states that one block is tabulated and names it. Four are: K2, replaced by prose in an earlier revision and computing nothing; K5, the stage precedence entered by hand; K8, the per-unit demand a hand-entered dictionary; K9, three print statements and no computation at all. K5 is marked. K2, K8 and K9 are indexed as computed. K9 in particular supports the manuscript’s central asymmetry theorem and contains no computation whatsoever. The numbers it recites are computed elsewhere, at K6, which is separately indexed.

This is the same failure the manuscript makes a point of having caught, repeated in the apparatus built to catch it. Required: re-mark the index, and amend the remark that states how many blocks are tabulated.

X2 — [MINOR] A block is missing from the index

The scripts emit J1–J10 and the index lists J1, J3–J10. J2 is omitted, and J2 is the block establishing that the direct reading gives the two residues in the wrong order and the flipped reading in the right one, which is the reason the flipped reading is used at all. The index should not omit the block behind a choice.

The title names a residue. The corpus’s titles do not, and the companion says “the sulfur pair.” The manuscript notes the departure and gives its reason. That is sufficient. The gain in findability is real.

The appendix outlining the corpus is a good addition. Organising by layer rather than by number, listing what is taken and from where, and naming what is deliberately not used are all improvements on the corpus’s usual scope table. The subsection tracing the premise chain back should be kept verbatim.

Recommendation

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2. Supply the chemistry behind termination, or restate the theorem as a correspondence, and recast it in terms of release rather than consistency.

3. State or establish the complementarity of the two outer bases, on which the frame theorem and the slot identity both depend.
4. Re-mark the verification index. Four blocks are tabulated, not one, and one block is missing.
5. Declare the stacking separation as a resting value, and state that the electron transfer is now intermolecular.

Three items should be addressed and are not blocking: the odd-count spanning cell, the precision of the remnant parameterisation, and the tension with persistence.

Register of what was not checked

No energy, barrier or relaxed geometry was computed. The report inherits the manuscript's scope. The two placeholder bibliography entries remain unfilled, and the bond length and stacking separation are taken as the manuscript takes them. The corpus's papers were not read beyond what Article 57 states of them, so the attributions in the corpus appendix were not verified. As declared at the head, the reviewing system is the drafting system.

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